



**Illinois**  
**Department of Commerce**  
**& Economic Opportunity**  
JB Pritzker, Governor

February 24, 2020

Mr. John W. Hollman  
Clerk of the House  
Illinois House of Representatives  
420 Capitol Building  
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Re: High Impact Business Designation of Minonk Stewardship Wind, LLC (a subsidiary of Akuo Energy USA and Stewardship Energy, LLC)

Dear Mr. Hollman:

This letter serves to inform you that the Department has designated Minonk Stewardship Wind, LLC as an Illinois High Impact Business/Wind Energy Business for its wind energy facility (Bennington Wind) located in Marshall County, Illinois. The designation shall be effective upon the date of certification for a period not to exceed 20 years.

I have enclosed a copy of the Certification for Designation. This designation entitles Minonk Stewardship Wind, LLC to the exemptions described in Section 5I of the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act.

Should you have any questions regarding this report, please do not hesitate to contact Ben Denney of my staff at 217.785.6169.

Sincerely,

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Erin B. Guthrie  
Director

Enclosures  
MINONK STEWARDSHIP WIND LLC\_2020\_02\_18\_HIBWE\_2110  
HIB Map



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**CERTIFICATION FOR DESIGNATION**

Pursuant to Section 5.5 of the Illinois Enterprise Zone Act, 20 ILCS 655/ et seq., as amended, the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity hereby designates the following company as a High Impact Business and is therefore eligible for the exemptions described in Section 51 of the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act.

**BUSINESS NAME**

Minonk Stewardship Wind, LLC  
(subsidiary of Akuo Energy USA  
and Stewardship Energy)

**FEIN#**

27-0981914

**PROJECT NAME**

Bennington Wind

**BUSINESS ADDRESS**

645 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 980  
Chicago, Illinois 60611

**PROJECT LOCATION**

Marshall County  
(see attached map)

**Note:**

This certification is effective upon execution by the Director of the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a period not to exceed 20 years. This business is not designated as being located within a Foreign Trade Zone or Sub-Zone.

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Erin B. Guthrie  
Director  
Illinois Department of Commerce and  
Economic Opportunity

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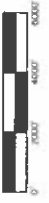
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Client:	
Project:	
Location:	
Scale:	
Date:	
Drawn by:	
Checked by:	
Approved by:	



440 N. Michigan, Suite 900  
Chicago, IL 60611



**Bennington  
Wind Project**  
Marshall County, Illinois

Overall Plan

30% Plans  
Not For Construction  
PLANNED PROJECT AS SHOWN ON THIS PLAN  
DATE: 11/7/2013  
DRAWN BY: [Name]  
CHECKED BY: [Name]  
SCALE: 2 OF 21  
PROJECT: 11000-0000-00

